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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE
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Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please delete claims 1-18 and 20-76 without prejudice and add new claims 77-78 as follows.

--77. (new) A method for blocking binding of B7 positive B cells to CD28 antigen to inhibit CD28 specific T cell interaction comprising contacting B7 positive B cells with a monoclonal antibody or fragment thereof which recognizes and binds B7 positive B cells in sufficient amounts effective to block binding of said CD28 antigen to said B7.—

--78. (new) The method of claim 77, wherein said monoclonal antibody is mAb BB-1.

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